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By: **Senators Greenip, Brinkley, Colburn, Harris, Jacobs, Kittleman, and Mooney**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public High School - Graduation Requirements - Community Service**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Education from requiring students
4 to perform community service as a condition of graduation from a public high
5 school in the State; and generally relating to community service and graduation
6 requirements for public high schools.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 7-205
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 7-205.

16 (a) The promotion of students in a public school and graduation from a public
17 high school shall be in accordance with:

18 (1) Policies established by the county board; and

19 (2) The rules and regulations of the State Board.

20 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE STATE BOARD
21 MAY NOT REQUIRE A STUDENT TO PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AS A CONDITION
22 OF GRADUATION FROM A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

23 (C) (1) Each student who graduates from a public high school shall receive
24 the same type of diploma or certificate, regardless of the high school attended or the
25 course taken.

1 (2) The diploma or certificate shall state that the student has completed
2 a program of studies satisfactorily in accordance with the requirements of the State
3 Board.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect July 1, 2004.